

~ CHRIST SHALL PROFIT YOU NOTHING....

**GALATIANS 5:1 – 4**

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~ Many people are professing belief in Christ today; and our Spiritual Safari rejoices in that. Modern religion, however, recruits and teaches that it is Jesus *PLUS* something additional by which we obtain salvation. Everything from church attendance to water baptism to tithing to doing good works to self-promotion are added to salvation with the heretical caveat of *“Jesus helps those who help themselves.”* When you hear that phrase, you’ll know that person has become dogmatically religious — but they’re not saved — and never were — because it cannot be otherwise. Frankly, we could just end this report by reading these four verses in Galatians — but I believe the Spirit of God has a few points of clarification to add. So, with that arrogant statement, once again, let me caution you that I do not recommend anyone read this report. Our previous report was acidic and blunt. But this report is going to hurt deeply. We’re going to become just plain ugly in this message.

A showdown is coming to this world tonight that will ultimately destroy America. However, it isn’t a nuclear missile, nor any type of conventional warfare; no, it will be an enemy we embrace, accept — and even worship. The two heads on the creature are (1) a segment of society that hates God, hates sound doctrine, and vehemently hates the concept of salvation from sin and (2) a segment of society that claims to love God; but honor Him only with their lips, while their hearts are far from Him. They don’t know “Jesus,” they’re totally and completely ignorant of all things Scriptural, and God says He gave them up; because they became fools by professing themselves to be wise. A-men.

The beast has more than two heads, though. Some of those other heads are greed, lust, pride, fraud, homosexual perversion, violence, cruelty, sheer and alarming stupidity, coldness, indifference, lying, racism and hate. Mankind erroneously believes and espouses that he left these traits in the jungle when he paved Wall Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, but those character flaws are bursting the seams of an unrestrained and utterly

atheistic society. We call it “America.” The “United States” part no longer exists, or is an ideology that is merely held out as a sentimental gesture.

Our banking system is legislated fraud, the stock market is legalized theft, our school system is teaching children how to be positively immoral — and willfully dishonest at the same time, our state level leadership are oppressive puppets acting out charades in their own best interest, our legislative branch stopped making sense altogether decades ago, and our executive branch of government is undeniably motivated to destroy all traces of the things that once made this country the world’s leader. No more, my friend — we are finished — dead — as a nation. You can just write that down as an epitaph on our gravestone. No one killed us; although we like to blame particular people, nations, ideologies, events and circumstances — but, no, America committed suicide rejecting Christ, my friends. Write it down.

When tragedies happen today, crowds take photos of themselves stepping over dead bodies in an attempt to be the first to post a picture on platforms that peddle human disaster. Terrorism is treated as an everyday, casual event by desensitized people who ultimately defend evil. The police are demonized when they do their job. Grotesque and horrible displays of human cruelty are set before the world as entertainment. No one seems to have a conscience that anything is wrong, so they aren’t going to do anything to be a part of any possible solution. People look on this mayhem with the same indifference as animals look upon their own dead. Actually, animals have more empathy than humans. Animals must truly be insulted when we claim to have evolved from them — but I digress, sort of.

For those who truly love the Lord God Almighty and the Lord Jesus Christ and His Word, we’re studying *THE* book of the Bible — Galatians — which brought in the reformation and the greatest spiritual revival that any one of us alive knows anything about: the revival brought to the world by John Wesley. When Wesley heard the proper, correct and complete teaching from Galatians, he said, “... *I felt my heart strangely warmed when I knew I could trust Christ alone as my Savior.*” The Lord Jesus Christ is all we have to look to now, friends. Christ is our only hope in this hour; everything we have trusted and believed in is gone. You can *ONLY* have peace and

assurance with God in this hour of hopelessness if you will trust Him, and Him alone, as your Savior. If we do not have Christ – we will not have peace – period....

***1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.***

~ Our Spiritual Safari does not outline the books of the Bible as a normal Bible study would; because we are not particularly interested in doctrine or theology. We are, however, entering a new section of Galatians that begins with chapter five. From here to the end, I am going to write some of the ugliest things you have ever seen a Christian say in your lifetime. If you are part of the “*love, love, love*” crowd of phonies, then I don’t have to warn you not to read these reports, because you stopped reading a *LONG* time ago. Paul’s doctrine of justification by faith is literally going to leave many of us standing naked and alone in judgment.

There is only one Gospel in the Word of God: justification by faith in the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Any other doctrine is the doctrine of demons, and those who bring such teachings are not to be fellowshiped with — ever. There is only *ONE* way to God our Father, and Christ is that way; there is none other Name under Heaven by which we must be saved. Further, a correct Gospel presentation is the only message that ever saved anyone. You can rail against false teachers, rail against government in a self-righteous religious tone, talk about losing salvation, preach doctrine, speak in tongues, and teach theology until your face falls off — and *NO ONE* will ever get saved by *ANY* of that; impossible.

So, our safari leaves the doctrinal section of justification by faith that Paul began with in Galatians, and we progress to *practical* tenets of Scripture. Sanctification by the Spirit of God is where we begin this chapter. God only sees us as complete in Christ Jesus. I don’t care how good you think you are, you’ll never meet His standard; you’ll never be like Christ in this life, friends. John said we shall be changed to be like Him. You can argue that point until you fall over dead, and you will still never be correct. The Lord Jesus Christ is the only One Who God has ever said of, “*this is My beloved*

*Son in Whom I am well pleased.”* Frankly, Jesus is the only One Who God *could* say that about.

When we are born again, we are placed into the body of believers — the church — of which Christ is the head. The church should represent Him to the world, but that’s not happening in modern society. So, we’re going to learn about the spirit versus the flesh and begin to change that. Most so-called Christians have their own method of doing things — and they label their self-will ‘*sanctification.*’ However, God’s method of sanctification is by working *through* us. So, we are, by de facto, talking about legalism being bondage. Any type, shape, or form of legal system places us under bondage. Legalism must be followed meticulously, or the entire system collapses immediately.

We have liberty in Christ. Attempting to live by law while being saved by grace constitutes “*falling from grace.*” That’s what verse four means in a nutshell. Dropping down to a low level of law to govern our lives is the equivalent of idolatry, too. We have already seen that in previous reports. If you haven’t read our last ten reports from Galatians, I can only suggest you go back and do so now. If we think we are to do something in addition to our salvation, then we are calling Christ a curse. I didn’t say that – God said that. If you don’t believe it, or you do not like that talk, you can (a) stop reading or (b) complain to God about it or (c) accept this as truth or (d) remain unsaved. The choice is yours – and those are the only choices you have. A, B and D will get you nowhere, though; just thought you might like to know that.

It is extremely dangerous to even speak of the gifts of the Holy Spirit – and most people consider me a heretic because of my teachings – but, I’ll say it again, I deny that we do *ANYTHING* to add to our salvation. When we come to Christ, we get the whole package of everything God has for us – period. Only *THROUGH* Christ do we have salvation or sanctification; or justification or righteousness or holiness – or even faith itself, friends. It’s all from Him! We have been called to a *MUCH* higher level of living than law in our liberty we have in the Lord Jesus Christ. The principle of conduct is that we are to please God by faith in His Son the Lord Jesus Christ. See, I don’t live to please you or talk nicely to you. I don’t live for your acceptance of my

teaching, nor for the acceptance of any organization. No, I do not report to *ANYONE* except our Father in Heaven, and I do so through the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. Make a note, my friends.

When I get in the presence of the Lord, my record of water baptism isn't going to mean anything, my church attendance is not going to mean anything – even this so-called Spiritual Safari, and helping widows and orphans, and all other manner of my good works, isn't going to mean anything to God. I don't trust in any of those things; in fact, all I have to say to Jesus is, *"I failed you."* If I am not saved by simply trusting Christ, then I will walk away knowing I did that which the Holy Spirit of God revealed to me – trusting Christ! If Christ cannot receive me on that basis, then - - If you do not rest and trust Christ on that basis, then you are not saved. I know this is strong medicine – blame Paul – not me. This is not my interpretation of the Bible – not by any means. If you think Paul means something else, then don't criticize me – educate me....

***2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.***

***3 For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law.***

***4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.***

~ Interestingly, the so-called legalism expert mysteriously omits the details concerning the penalty for breaking the law — which was always death! I'll be quite honest with you readers, because I am always honest with you: I am delighted I am not under the law. I enjoy the liberty I have in Christ. I'll also confess I have a problem with pleasing Him — every time I do something. I know my conduct doesn't always please God, and it doesn't always glorify Him, either – but I try. Verse four is very clear. Most people totally ignore this verse. One theologian has said, *"'falling from grace' is the doctrine that the Methodist believes and the Presbyterians practice."* Well, I'm sure most denominations practice that today. Go ahead and giggle – it's okay.

We're not talking about living a life of open sin, careless conduct, perverted affection, or willful rebellion towards God; it is the opposite of "*once saved always saved*" – and both expressions are certainly unfortunate terminology. "*Falling from grace*" begins, in the Book of Romans, with man in a place of total moral bankruptcy; having no righteousness and completely depraved, unprofitable to God, rotten fruit; a dead sinner before God. Romans concludes with man in the service of God and separated *UNTO* Him. Certainly, we are to be obedient to God as His servant; that is an axiom that shouldn't even have to be stated. It is implied. It is expected. Two mighty works of God stand between man in his fallen condition and man in service to God: salvation through justification by faith and sanctification!

Sanctification does *NOT* necessarily mean for you to get busy making a commentary on the entire Bible, though. It means we are to rise to a new level of higher living as the result of our salvation. Actually, the greatest fallacy of the Christian life is that we have to do something. The early church was more concerned with the life of the church as a witness to the world than it was concerned with anything else. We seem to have forgotten that today. That's why the world is seeing churches on every street corner of the world — but those churches aren't saving souls. As a result of the abject apostasy, the lost man sees genuine believers and says, "*no thanks!*" That's what's real. Most Christians are handing out tracts and pigeon-holing people for God; when they do not have any sort of a life that backs up their profession. If we try to do good and talk about doing good — but we don't live good — then, well, that's foolishness. It's hypocritical — and that is the story of the average modern Christian — a life of tragedy and defeat. We don't have to live that way because we can allow Christ to live through us, bringing us joy and hope ~

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